

ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION LINKS

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report asks Members to consider further improvements to the electronic communication links between the Council's office sites, and also providing links for remote sites/workers, including Members, to be able to access the Council's information electronically.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Policy and Finance Committee on 8 July 2002 considered the report attached at Appendix 1 and resolved:-
- (1) To endorse the principle of the further improvement of the Council's electronic communication links.
 - (2) To request the Finance and Procedures Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review detailed proposals at its next meeting (subject to the full information being available) for recommendation to Council.

3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The Council's I.T. Contractor, Vivista, have been asked to provide costings on the possible options to enhance electronic communication links. However, these are not available in final form at the time of writing this report.
- 3.2 Detailed information will be provided to Members as soon as it is available for consideration and recommendation to Council as appropriate.

4 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The upgrading of electronic links will have resource implications. It is envisaged that any capital costs can be met from the Council's Implementing Electronic Government 2 grant from the Government. The revenue implications will need to be assessed once they are known. Full details of the resource implications will be provided to Members as soon as they are available.

5 RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 It is proposed that the Committee considers the suggestions for the improvement of the Council's electronic communication links, subject to the full information being available, for recommendation to Council.

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Background Papers:

None.

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